

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

**Claim 1 (Currently Amended)** An airbag module (10; 110) for a vehicle occupant restraint system, said airbag module comprising a gas lance (22; 122) that can feed gas from a ~~source of compressed gas~~ generator (40; 140) into an airbag (20; 120), and a housing (12; 112) which accommodates said gas lance, said gas lance (22; 122) having a connection extension (36; 136) for being connected to said ~~source of compressed gas~~ generator (40; 140), wherein said connection extension (36; 136) projects so far out of said housing (12; 112) that said connection extension (36; 136) ~~can penetrate~~ penetrates into said ~~source of compressed gas~~ generator (40; 140) installed outside of said housing thereby fastening said gas lance directly to said gas generator, and wherein said connection extension (36; 136) serves to supply said gas lance (22; 122) with compressed gas from said ~~source of compressed gas~~ generator (40; 140) as well as to mechanically attach said ~~source of compressed gas~~ generator (40; 140) to said airbag module (10; 110).

**Claim 2 (Currently Amended)** The An airbag module (10; 110) according to Claim 1, ~~for a vehicle occupant restraint system, said airbag module comprising a gas lance (22; 122) that can feed gas from a source of compressed gas (40; 140) into an airbag (20; 120), and a housing (12; 112) which accommodates said gas lance, said gas lance (22; 122) having a connection extension (36; 136) for being connected to said source of compressed gas (40; 140), wherein said connection~~

~~extension (36; 136) projects so far out of said housing (12; 112) that said connection extension (36; 136) can penetrate into said source of compressed gas (40; 140) installed outside of said housing and said connection extension (36; 136) serves to supply said gas lance (22; 122) with compressed gas from said source of compressed gas (40; 140) as well as to mechanically attach said source of compressed gas (40; 140) to said airbag module (10; 110), wherein said connection extension (36; 136) projects so far out of said housing (12; 112) that it can penetrate right through said source of compressed gas generator (40; 140) installed outside of said housing.~~

**Claim 3 (Previously Presented)** An airbag module (10; 110) for a vehicle occupant restraint system, said airbag module comprising a gas lance (22; 122) that can feed gas from a source of compressed gas (40; 140) into an airbag (20; 120), and a housing (12; 112) which accommodates said gas lance, said gas lance (22; 122) having a connection extension (36; 136) for being connected to said source of compressed gas (40; 140), wherein said connection extension (36; 136) projects so far out of said housing (12; 112) that said connection extension (36; 136) can penetrate into said source of compressed gas (40; 140) installed outside of said housing and said connection extension (36; 136) serves to supply said gas lance (22; 122) with compressed gas from said source of compressed gas (40; 140) as well as to mechanically attach said source of compressed gas (40; 140) to said airbag module (10; 110), wherein said connection extension (36; 136) has two ends and is provided with a thread on one of said ends (56; 156) which faces away from said gas lance (22; 122).

**Claim 4 (Previously Presented)** The airbag module according to claim 1, wherein said gas lance (22; 122) is T-shaped in an area of said connection extension (36; 136).

**Claim 5 (Previously Presented)** The airbag module according to claim 1, wherein said housing is configured as an extruded profile.

**Claim 6 (Previously Presented)** The airbag module according to claim 1, wherein said housing (112) is made of plastic.

**Claim 7 (Currently Amended)** The airbag module according to claim 1, wherein said ~~source of compressed gas~~ generator (40; 140) is tubular and has with a longitudinal axis (L) ~~being attached to said airbag module (10; 110)~~, said connection extension (36; 136) penetrating into said ~~source of compressed gas~~ generator crosswise to said longitudinal axis (L).

**Claim 8 (Currently Amended)** The airbag module according to claim 7, wherein said connection extension (36; 136) penetrates said ~~source of compressed gas~~ generator (40; 140) in a middle thereof.

**Claim 9 (Previously Presented)** The airbag module according to claim 1, wherein said housing (12; 112) accommodates said airbag (20; 120) that surrounds said gas lance (22; 122).

**Claim 10 (Canceled)**

**Claim 11 (New)** The airbag module according to Claim 1, wherein said gas lance includes an elongated tube extending inside said housing, and wherein said connection extension extends laterally from said elongated tube.